



Service for the Lord's Day

2nd Sunday of Christmas

January 2, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Please SILENCE ALL Personal Electronic Devices Before Worship.

We Gather as God's People

Welcome to our worship service. Take a moment to quiet yourself as we prepare ourselves for worship.

Welcome and Preparation for Worship

Welcome to Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church! In this space, we invite you to bring all of who you are - your identity, your beliefs, your doubts, your questions, and your story wherever you are on your journey in life. Our prayer is that together we will experience God's presence.

Prelude "A Christmas Medley" arr. Martha Mier

Call to Worship [Responsive]

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

***Many:* And also with you.**

One: Arise! Shine!

***Many:* God's light has come to reveal The Way in this New Year.**

One: Arise! Shine!

***Many:* The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

One: Arise! Shine!

***Many:* God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.**

One: Arise! Shine!

***Many:* Nations shall come to God's light and kings to the brightness of God's dawn.**

One: Arise! Shine!

***Many:* For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

The Hymn PH # 40 (verse 1)..... "Joy to the World"

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

The Prayer of the Day [Responsive]

One: Let us pray... On Epiphany Sunday, we are still the people walking.

Many: **We are still people in the dark and the darkness looms large around us,**

One: beset as we are by fear, anxiety, brutality, gun violence, loss and a dozen alienations we cannot manage.

Many: **We are, we could be, people of your light**

One: So we pray for the light of your glorious presence as we wait for your appearing.

Many: **We pray for the light of your wondrous grace as we exhaust our coping capacity**

One: We pray for your gift of newness that will override our weariness

Many: **We pray that we may see and know and hear and trust in your good rule.**

One: That we may have energy, courage, and freedom to enact your rule through the demands of this day and every day.

Many: **We submit our day to you and to your rule, with deep joy and high hope. Amen.**

We Listen for God's Word

The Scripture

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the

world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, For the Word of God among us, For the Word of God within us,

Many: We give thanks to God!

The Reflection

"Wee Waif Wanna"

Rev. Hugh Drennan

<http://ocpchurch.com/files/136620624.pdf>

The Musical Response "What Child Is This?" arr. Maxwell Eckstein

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table

One: Friends, Like the Magi, we have come asking for the child,

Many: **Wondering where that love might be born,**

One: Seeking that joy that might satisfy our thirst,

Many: **Wandering through the darkness of so many mistakes.**

One: We have come to this place where wise-people and shepherds and young women met.
We have come to this place called Bethlehem,

Many: **to this place where our hearts rise like yeast; to this place where we meet our newborn hope; to this place where we taste our deepest joy.**

One: In Bethlehem, where we assumed the worst, imagining that no good can come, we somehow missed its name. Bethlehem: *House of Bread.*

Many: **There is something here that will satisfy our hunger.**

One: No matter how long we have wandered, here our hearts arise.

Many: **Our light has come.**

One: In this bread and in this cup, we celebrate something we can't quite understand.

Many: **Because God has made a house at this table.**

One: Because God satisfies our hunger in the most unlikely places.

Many: **Because God comes to be with us, now and always.**

One: It is with this expectation that we come to the table to taste and see that God is here.

Let us pray... Holy Spirit, come into this bread and this cup. Transform these ordinary objects as you change our hearts to shape and form your world with the joy you promise.

Many: **Pour your grace upon us, so we overflow with your love.**

One: Help us to remember how a newborn baby might grow into a little child that would one day turn to his hope-filled friends in an upper room... teaching them that it is suffering in love for all the world that the true Light of God is revealed.

Many: Amen.

The Words of Institution

The Breaking of Bread and Sharing of Cup

(We invite you to come forward to receive the bread and cup. If you are joining us online, we invite you to have your own form of bread and cup to use when we commune together.)

The Prayer after Communion [Responsive]

One: Thanks be to you, O God, for your presence and your purpose, for your loving kindness and your steadfast Spirit.

Many: May the blessings of this table strengthen our faith, increase our generosity and unify our hearts, for we pray in the name of Emmanuel. Amen.

Offering of Our Tithes and Our Gifts to God

In response to God's generosity, and in support of the ongoing ministry and mission at Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church, we invite you to share your financial support in several ways.

1. For those worshipping in-person, a basket is placed at the entrance to the sanctuary for you to leave your offering.
2. You may also mail in or drop-off your offering at Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church, 313 E. Main Street, Cambridge, WI 53523.
3. You may also donate online, using these directions: Use the app, **Vanco Mobile**. Search for "Vanco Mobile" in your app store (Vanco Payment Solutions). Once it's installed, find us (Presbyterian Church of Oakland-Cambridge) using our zip code (53523), and set up one-time or recurring payments, OR use the QR Code below to access our donor page. A link to our donor page is also on our website www.ocpchurch.com. (Click on the button with the green heart.) Thank you!



We Depart to Do God's Will

Closing Hymn *PH* # 29 (verse 3) "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born,

And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.

Refrain

The Sending Rev. Hugh Drennan

One: May your eyes be opened to the wonder of the daily miracles around you and your sense of mystery be deepened..

Many: May we be aware of the light that shines in the darkness, and that the darkness can never put it out.

One: May you be blessed with companions on the journey, friends who will listen to you and encourage you with their presence.

Many: May we learn to live with what is unsolved in our hearts, daring to the face the questions and holding them until, one day, they find their answers.

One: May you find the still, quiet place inside yourself where you can know and experience the peace that passes all understanding.

Many: May love flow in us and through us to those who need your care.

One: May you continue to dream dreams and to reach out into the future with a deeper understanding of God's way for you.

Many: Amen.

We Carry the Light of Christ Out into the World

Postlude "Go Tell It on the Mountain" arr. Martha Mier



The liturgy this morning is from: The Prayer of the Day ~ written by Walter Brueggemann (b. 1933), in Prayers for a Privileged People (Nashville: Abingdon, 2008); The Invitation to the Table ~ written by Rev. Elsa Peters, the United Churches of Olympia, WA. Posted on LiturgyLink. <http://www.liturgylink.net/>

Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church is committed to using language in such a way that all members of the community of faith may recognize themselves to be included, addressed, and equally cherished before God. Seeking to bear witness to the whole world, the church struggles to use language which is faithful to the biblical truth and which neither purposefully nor inadvertently excludes people because of gender, color, or other circumstance in life. (Book of Order, W-1.2006)

- Today we welcome our Guest Preacher Rev. Hugh Drennan. Hugh, a previous pastor here, is now retired and lives in Lake Mills, Wisconsin. On his retirement business card the heading reads, "At play in the fields of the Lord." That means he plays a lot of golf among other things.
- Our musician today is Marian Korth.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our sanctuary look beautiful for the Advent and Christmas season! We will be taking down the decorations on Saturday, January 8 at 9 a.m. Your help would be most appreciated! Also, please TAKE YOUR POINSETTIAS HOME.

ANNOUNCEMENTS —

- **Please pick up your 2022 Offering Envelopes, now available in Fellowship Hall. If we've missed your name, please notify the office.**
- **Giving statements for 2021 are now available in Fellowship Hall. Please pick up your copy and take it with you. Thank you!**
- If you would like to be added to the mailing list for our newsletter, *The Good News*, please send either your email (preferred) or snail mail address to the church office. (Our addresses are listed on the last page of the bulletin.)

- Help us save "pig points." For us to receive a rebate, please turn in your receipts from the Cambridge Piggly Wiggly in one of three ways: **1.** Place them in the brown bag in the narthex. **2.** Cheryl Stitz will do a porch pickup of any receipts that you may have. Call her at 608-695-1838 to make arrangements. **3.** Receipts can also be mailed to the church office. All funds received are used for mission projects.

WORSHIP SERVICES UPDATE:

BAPTISM OF THE LORD, JANUARY 9 WORSHIP AT 10 AM —In-person worship continues this Sunday in the sanctuary. The Dane County Mask Mandate has been extended to Tuesday, February 1. **Until then, masks are required of all people who enter the building.**



UPDATE!

The food pantry is currently seeking donations of: Coffee, Oatmeal/Cream of Wheat, Laundry detergent, Toothpaste, Body wash, Dog and cat food

Monetary donations are always greatly appreciated!

For more information on how you can make a difference this holiday season, or to volunteer at the food pantry, please email: foodpantry@cambridge.k12.wi.us or call Kerry at (608)423-8142.

The Cambridge Food Pantry website can be found at <https://cambridgecap.net/programs/nutrition/food-pantry/>

Thank you for your continued support of your Cambridge neighbors!

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Jan & Nancy Kristiansen
Jack & Jenine Spack

The families of Ken Bilstad, Doreen Drennan, and other families who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

If you would like to be added to our weekly prayer list, please leave word in the church office or contact the pastor. Permission to be included in this publicly posted list has been obtained from those listed or their families.

Church Schedule

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. Sunday

Communion: First Sunday of each month

Pastoral Office Hours: Generally 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Wednesday or by appointment

Business Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday

(Church hours are approved by Session and posted on church entry doors.)

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